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To:

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The Minister of Intelligence

The Minister of State Security

The Director General of Intelligence

And the Head of the Intelligence Agency

In re: Spy cables published by Al-jazeera

1. On 24 February 2015, **Al-jazeera** published a spy cable emanating from the NIA which alleges that *"the Zakariyya Park Madressah in Zakariyya Park in Johannesburg had regular training sessions for south African Muslim students and foreigners in order to keep them ready for a possible jihad against USA transgression in the Middle East."*
2. There is no objective basis whatsoever for this allegation which is devoid of any merit and truth. It is with deep regret that a cable such as this exists in the NIA circles and was leaked to an international news station.
3. The making of the allegations in the cable and the significant breach of security within the NIA has caused a great amount of reputational harm to our institution.
4. As you know, our institution has always had open channels of communication with the Ministry and the NIA and all students are registered to study on proper visas. As you may also be aware from previous interactions with the NIA, the institution is a-political and has no links whatsoever with Iran or Shias. The allegations in the cable are categorically denied. As a result of the defamatory allegations made in the cable, which has been leaked to the world at large because of a manifest failure to secure *"intelligence"* within the NIA, it has become necessary for the institution to demand that the NIA release a public statement clearing the institution of these untrue allegations. Our institution is willing to meet on an urgent basis with yourselves in order to discuss how to contain the irreparable reputational harm that the leaking of the cable has caused to the institution and the country at large.
5. We also want to understand the source of and factual basis for the allegations in the cable because there is no truth to its contents.
6. All our rights are reserved.
7. As always, the institution has an open door policy and will be willing to have an urgent meeting with yourselves in order to contain the obvious embarrassment.

Yours faithfully

Mr. Shabier Ahmed Saloojee
Rector - Darul Uloom Zakariyya